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Free Holiday

Choral Concert

The Butler School of Music partners with Texas Performing Arts to host its annual Holiday Choral Concert, featuring the combined choirs of UT, Butler School instrumentalists and new faculty member baritone Donnie Ray Albert. The concert will be held at the Performing Arts Center (PAC), Bass Concert Hall from 7:30-10 p.m.

Institute for Historical

Studies speaker

"A New Benevolent Empire: Immigration and War Relief at the American Century's Dawn" is a talk by by Dr. Stephen Porter, author, Institute for Historical Studies fellow and assistant professor of history at the University of Cincinnati. Porter's primary interests revolve around international human rights. This talk will be held at Garison Hall (GAR) 4.100 from noon-1 p.m.

TODAY IN HISTORY

In 1947

Tennessee Williams' "Streetcar Named Desire," debuts on the Broadway stage. The cast included Marlon Brando, Kim Hunter, Jessica Tandy and Karl Malden. The play closed on Dec. 17, 1949 at the Ethel Barrymore Theatre.



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Elisabeth Dillon | Daily Texan Staff

Unanswered questions

MANHATTAN, Kan. — Collin Klein took a knee, Kansas State fans rushed onto the field, the Big 12 Championship trophy was lifted and Texas went home. Thirty minutes after the game, a fog descended on Bill Snyder Family Stadium. A thick, impenetrable, unintelligible mass that hung in the air long after any fans hung around.

Perhaps it's fitting that Texas'

regular season came to an end under such murky conditions.

In a game that meant almost nothing to the Longhorns in terms of standings, they would have finished third in the Big 12 either way, Texas put on a dazzling show of mediocrity in its 42-24 loss to the Wildcats, ending its perfect road record and finishing its regular season with almost as many questions as when it began. Who

will start as quarterback? Case McCoy, starting for the first time this season, was brilliant at times and inept at others, throwing an interception on his second pass of the game before beginning a stretch of 17 straight completions, second in school history behind his brother, Colt McCoy. What of the coaches? Recruiting?

What have we learned this season that we hadn't

seen in the past three? Nothing, really. Texas Football, flashes of brilliance among long stretches of mediocrity. Unsure of itself, unsure of its identity, caught in a three-season-long state of flux. "We Are Texas," the saying goes, though I can imagine that nobody, not even the players, are quite sure what that means anymore.

—Lawrence Peart

Longhorns' name quickly losing luster



By Christian Corona
Sports Editor

If you have ever shown up to a decent number of Texas home football games on time, you are familiar with John Steinbeck's take on the Lone Star State. The Pulitzer Prize winner is known for saying that "Texas is a state of mind," "an obsession" and "a nation in every sense of the word."

After a mind-numbing, but not all that surprising, 42-24 loss to newly-crowned Big 12 champion Kansas State, the Longhorns must be in a disillusioned state of mind if they think that 8-4 is progress. Wins in either of their last two regular season games would have given them a chance to play in

a BCS bowl game.

Instead, Texas is playing in the Valero Alamo Bowl against Oregon State. Northern Illinois' win over Kent State in the Mid-American Conference title game last Friday vaulted it into the Top 16 of the BCS standings, bumping Oklahoma from a possible Sugar Bowl berth to the Cotton Bowl. That left the Longhorns to accept an invitation to the Alamo Bowl, a step up from the Holiday Bowl they won last season, but not where they were expected to be.

"We are excited about the opportunity to play in the Alamo Bowl against a great Oregon State team," head coach Mack Brown said. "I've known Mike [Riley, Oregon State head coach] for a long time, have tremendous respect for

him and am looking forward to a great game"

Last year's 8-5 was a step in the right direction, a three-win improvement from the dismal display the program put on the previous season. This year's 8-5 is a massive step in the wrong direction, proof that Texas isn't back to what it can and should be. And Texas will likely be an underdog against Oregon State, like it was last weekend against Kansas State.

"I would like to say sorry because us, as seniors, did not get them back to where Texas has been," senior safety Kenny Vaccaro said. "There is a bunch of younger guys and a larger senior class and the team will have more help out there."

If anyone should be absolved from blame for the

program's decline, it is Vaccaro, who the Texas secondary will sorely miss next year.

The Longhorns' brand may come in handy when Signing Day comes around or when officials from prestigious bowl games are considering who to invite. But all the facilities, money and six-digit attendance figures in the world ultimately do not develop prospects or evaluate talent.

They are not of any service when a 6-foot-1-inch, 200-pound quarterback from Tyler, Johnny Manziel calls Texas, expressing serious interest in joining the program and is told,

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SYSTEM

Goals, incentive pay up for review

By Alexa Ura

During its upcoming meeting Thursday, the UT System Board of Regents is expected to consider approving recommended goals that the presidents of the System's nine academic and six health institutions must meet to earn 10 percent pay-for-performance bonuses the board approved earlier this year.

In a September email obtained by The Daily Texan through an open records request, Pedro Reyes, executive vice chancellor for academic affairs, asked each UT System president to propose performance criteria for the bonuses to be based on, including three or four incentive pay plan goals and proposals for incentive payments, by Oct. 1.

Recommended performance goals, which should be closely

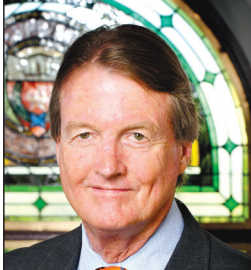
tied to each president's role as the institution's leader, include increasing degree completion rates, four-year graduation rates, philanthropy and degree affordability, Reyes stated in the email.

During its August meeting, the board approved a proposal for bonuses equal to 10 percent of each president's base salary that could reach a peak of 15 percent if all goals are met or surpassed.

UT President William Powers Jr. is one of the nation's highest paid educational executives and is the highest paid academic president in the UT System.

Last year, Powers earned \$613,612 in base salary, and his total compensation was almost \$150,000 more than his base salary. From base salary and the bonus alone, Powers could earn between \$674,973 and \$705,653 under the new plan.

In a recent interview with The Daily Texan, UT System



William Powers Jr.
UT President

Chancellor Francisco Cigarroa said the UT regents are also expected to vote during the upcoming meeting on what percentage of each president's salary the bonus will be tied to.

Cigarroa said the incentive pay plan would provide more fair compensation for already well-compensated presidents because one-time pay outs would be based on year-to-year performance instead of permanent increases to base salaries.

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STATE

Record-high climate continues in winter

By Allie Kolechta

High temperatures in the Austin area have already broken records during December, after November also brought record high temperatures and, for the first time in decades, no rain in Austin for the entire month.

Austin saw no measurable rainfall in November, according to reports compiled on the Austin-Bergstrom Airport Area by the National Weather Service Southern Region Headquarters. According to the report, this is the first year Austin has had only trace amounts of rainfall in the month of November since 1970, more than four decades ago.

Record highs were set on Nov. 1 at 88 degrees and Nov. 3 at 87 degrees. High temperatures reached into the 80s

on 15 days in November, and lows never reached freezing. The most days it has reached 80 degrees in the area in November was in 1931, with 17 days in the 80s.

Temperatures Saturday hit 83 degrees, breaking the daily record of 82 degrees set in 1954. The high reached 80 degrees Sunday, and is forecast to hit 83 degrees Monday. Previous December highs were 84 degrees Dec. 2, 2007 and 86 degrees Dec. 3, 1995.

As of the end of November, the Austin area and 81 percent of the state was in a drought classified as moderate or worse, the second of five classifications for drought severity, according to the U.S. Drought Monitor. 54 percent of the state was in a drought classified as severe or worse, 25 percent was classified as extreme or worse and 8 percent was classified as exceptional.

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UT funding's dependence on success may increase



By Alexa Ura

More state funding for UT will be tied to measures of student success if a bill filed for the upcoming legislative session passes.

The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board recommends how much funding the Legislature should give each public institution of higher education before each biennial legislative session. The bill, authored by Rep. Dan Branch, R-Dallas, would increase the amount of funding tied to student success measures from 10 to 25 percent.

State general revenue has decreased from 24 percent of UT's operating budget in 2000 to 13 percent this year.

The Legislature awarded UT \$295 million in general revenue appropriations for the 2012-2013 academic year. The University's operating budget totaled \$2.3 billion for the same year.

In the past, all state funding was based on student enrollment. During the upcoming legislative session, 10 percent of state general funding for higher education will be tied to measures of student success, and Branch's bill would increase the percentage tied to outcomes to 25 percent in future sessions. A spokesperson for the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board said the percentage tied to outcome-based funding could continue to increase.

UT would stand to benefit from increased outcome-based funding. During his 2012 State of the University address, UT President William Powers Jr. said UT produced the most bachelor's degrees in the state during 2011, with 9,000 degrees conferred.

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For more information on the incentive plan go to: bit.ly/dt_incentive

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Ricky Llamas | Daily Texan Staff
Participants lift barbells Saturday during the Mustache Showdown 2012, hosted by Atomic Athlete.

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“This is a two-way street in the sense that the presidents submit goals of what they’d like to accomplish over the year and likewise we can provide some direction,” Cigarroa said.

In his email, Reyes stated incentive accomplishments could be measured over a one-year or three-year period, depending on whether each goal is short-term or long-term. Presidents will receive incentive awards annually at the end of every performance cycle, according to an outline of the incentive pay plan sent to UT System presidents.

Pay-for-performance bonuses are common in the business sector, and the incentive pay plan, which received support from the Texas Association of Business and the Texas Public Policy Foundation in the past, falls in line with one of the nine pillars that make up Cigarroa’s Framework for Advancing Excellence, a UT System action plan adopted last year. The regents will meet Thursday.

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Powers supports outcome-based funding, UT spokesperson Gary Susswein recently told The Daily Texan.

“He spoke extensively about this a year or so ago when President Barack Obama introduced that into the national dialogue,” Susswein said last month. “The key, obviously, is to find the most effective and proper measurements to determine outcome and performance.”

Dominic Chavez, spokesperson for the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, said the board believed tying outcome-based funding to 10 percent of a university’s budget was a sufficient amount to designate in relation to an institution’s behavior without disrupting funding, but the board supports Branch’s bill to increase that amount.

“Increasing outcome-based funding to 25 percent of appropriations an institution receives is a gradual transition the Coordinating Board doesn’t disagree with,” Chavez said. “Rep. Branch is looking forward, and it is

an appropriate first step as we move forward with outcome-based funding.”

Efforts to reach Branch to discuss the bill were unsuccessful.

Outcome-based funding, whether it remains at 10 percent or increases to 25 percent, will be determined by three-year rolling averages of specific measures, including total undergraduate degrees conferred, degrees completed by non-traditional and at-risk students and degree costs, among others, according to the board’s recommendation.

“Unlike the last session, we have reached broad consensus with universities on both a methodology and metrics,” Chavez said. “The metrics were designed by universities for universities and account for those student outcomes that university leaders believe are most consistent with their mission.”

The outcome-based model is also spreading across other states. Indiana, Pennsylvania and Ohio have adopted outcome-based funding models, and Tennessee already awards all funding based on performance, according to a report by the Center for American Progress. Various

other states have proposed similar models.

State general revenue appropriations are part of UT’s academic core budget, which funds employee salaries and benefits, scholarships, and maintenance and operations, among other things. UT System Chancellor Francisco Cigarroa recently told The Daily Texan that adequate formula funding to make up for increased enrollment is part of System-wide priorities.

“We’re all for it,” he said. “It takes into consideration that not one campus is alike. Even in health care more funding is being directed toward outcome-based success rather than just clinical volume. It’s an important policy decision.”

Cigarroa said chancellors for Texas’ other five university systems also support the idea of outcome-based funding.

The increase in outcome-based funding will take effect immediately if the bill receives a vote of two-thirds of all members in the House, according to the text of the bill. If the bill is passed with less than the vote necessary for immediate effect, it will take effect Sept. 1, 2013.

Stolen Texas apparel leads to UTPD arrest

A Leander man is facing a felony charge after University of Texas police say he tried to sell a uniformed officer licensed UT apparel he had stolen from a nearby Walgreens pharmacy with the price tags still attached.

Larry Phillips, 41, was arrested Wednesday by UT police and charged with theft, a state jail felony punishable with 180 days to two years in prison and a possible fine of up to \$10,000, according to an affidavit issued for his arrest that day. According to the document, Phillips approached a UTPD officer Wednesday around 1:00 p.m. at Domino’s Pizza, located at 1900 Guadalupe St., and tried to sell him a University of Texas football jersey for \$10.00.

According to the affidavit, Phillips had two other jerseys and a UT T-shirt, all on hangers and all with Walgreens price tags attached. Phillips told the officer he had gotten the apparel from a friend. A University of Texas police officer went to the nearest Walgreens, located at 4501 Guadalupe St., and the store’s manager told him employees stopped Phillips from stealing a shirt from the store earlier that day.

According to the affidavit, the manager of the store was able to scan the tags on the apparel Phillips had in his possession and determined they were property of the store.

According to the affidavit, the value of the merchandise Phillips had was \$91.96. He was also charged on an outstanding warrant he had for “Pedestrian in a Roadway” and has already been convicted of theft twice this year.

In regard to the incident, on the campus watch crime report issued by UTPD Officer Darrell Halstead Thursday, Halstead wrote, “Stay Out of Jail Tip: Never a good idea to offer to sell stolen property to a uniformed cop.”

UT student robbed, suspect in custody

A man is facing a felony charge after police say he robbed three individuals at gun point during a drug deal in South Austin. The wallet of one of the individuals robbed contained a UT school identification card.

Ricky Francis, 28, is being charged with aggravated robbery, a first degree felony punishable with five to 99 years in prison and a possible fine of up to \$10,000, following a Tuesday robbery. According to an affidavit issued for Francis’ arrest Thursday, he and three others spoke to three individuals in a separate car Tuesday night at a convenience store in East Austin. The individuals in the other car, identified as B. Herr, S. Nyamapfumba and J. Kendrick, agreed to follow Francis to an apartment complex to purchase marijuana from him.

According to the affidavit, once at the complex, Francis robbed them with a semi-automatic handgun. Herr told police his UT school identification card had been stolen.

According to the affidavit, police were dispatched to a report of gunshots at the University Village Apartment Complex, located at 1301 Crossing Place, later that night. They detained Francis and two others, Charles Beltran, 23, and Thomas Iglehart, 22. A black, semi-automatic handgun was found on Beltran’s person, and he was arrested for possession of a firearm. Francis was arrested for public intoxication.

According to the affidavit, Nyamapfumba’s phone was found on Francis’ person and Herr’s wallet was found in the car Francis was in possession of. The three victims identified Francis as the man who robbed them earlier that night. Beltran told police Francis had asked to borrow his gun earlier that night, and he did not know about the robbery. Francis was additionally charged with aggravated assault.

— David Maly

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States to increase class time in schools

WASHINGTON — Five states were to announce Monday that they will add at least 300 hours of learning time to the calendar in some schools starting in 2013. Colorado, Connecticut, Massachusetts, New York and Tennessee will take part in the initiative, which is intended to boost student achievement and make U.S. schools more competitive on a global level.

The three-year pilot program will affect almost 20,000 students in 40 schools, with long-term hopes of expanding the program to include additional schools — especially those that serve low-income communities. Schools, districts, parents and teachers, will decide whether to make the school day longer, add more days to the school year or both.

A mix of federal, state and district funds will cover the costs of expanded learning time, with the Ford Foundation and the National Center on Time & Learning also chipping in resources.

Four workers missing after dam collapses

PHNOM PENH, Cambodia — Four workers are missing and presumed to have drowned after the partial collapse of a dam being constructed in western Cambodia, officials said Sunday.

Maj. Theang Leng, chief of police in the district where the hydroelectric dam is located on the Atay river, said the collapse Saturday appeared to have occurred because the dam was holding too much water and had started leaking. A search was under way for the missing workers. Four other workers were seriously injured.

Anti-nazi rally objects screening of Jews

BUDAPEST, Hungary — Thousands attended an anti-Nazi rally Sunday in Hungary organized by Jewish and civic groups to protest a far-right lawmaker's call to screen Jews for national security risks.

The rally was unusual because politicians from both the government and opposition parties shared a stage outside parliament.

Marton Gyongyosi of the far-right Jobbik party said Monday in the legislature it was time "to assess ... how many people of Jewish origin there are here, and especially in the Hungarian parliament and the Hungarian government, who represent a certain national security risk."

Gyongyosi later apologized to "our Jewish compatriots" for his statement, but added that Hungary needed to be wary of "Zionist Israel and those serving it also from here."

New Zealand writes new climate pact

DOHA, Qatar — Highlighting a rift between the rich countries and emerging economies like China, New Zealand's climate minister staunchly defended his government's decision to drop out of the emissions pact for developed nations, saying it's an outdated and insufficient response to global warming.

Other key issues at the conference include how to help emerging nations switch to climate-friendly energy sources and charting the course for a new treaty that would replace the Kyoto Protocol, which covers only developed countries.

New Zealand announced last week that it would not take part in the second phase of the Kyoto treaty. Climate Minister Tim Groser said New Zealand is "ahead of the curve" by shifting its attention to a new global climate pact that would also include developing nations.

— Compiled from Associated Press reports



Nasser Nasser | Associated Press

A girl with the colors of Egypt's national flag and Arabic that reads, "Egypt, Morsi," painted on her face attends a demonstration in front of Egypt's top court, in Cairo, Egypt, Sunday.

Egypt's highest court joins strike

By Hamza Hendawi
Associated Press

CAIRO — Egypt's highest court joined a judicial rebellion against President Mohammed Morsi on Sunday by declaring an open-ended strike on the day it was supposed to rule on the legitimacy of two key assemblies controlled by allies of the Islamist leader.

The strike by the Supreme

Constitutional Court and opposition plans to march to the presidential palace on Tuesday and take the country's latest political crisis to a level not seen in the nearly two years of turmoil since Hosni Mubarak's ouster in a popular uprising.

Judges from the country's highest appeals court and its sister lower court were already on an indefinite strike, joining colleagues from other tribu-

nals who suspended work last week to protest what they saw as Morsi's assault on the judiciary.

The last time Egypt had an all-out strike by the judiciary was in 1919, when judges joined an uprising against British colonial rule.

The standoff began when Morsi issued decrees on Nov. 22 giving him near-absolute powers that granted himself and the Islamist-dominated assem-

bly drafting the new constitution immunity from the courts.

The constitutional panel then raced in a marathon session last week to vote on the charter's 236 clauses without the participation of liberal and Christian members. The fast-track hearing pre-empted a decision from the Supreme Constitutional Court that was widely expected to dissolve the constituent assembly.

The judges on Sunday postponed their ruling on that case just before they went on strike.

Without a functioning justice system, Egypt will be plunged even deeper into turmoil. It has already seen a dramatic surge in crime after the uprising, while state authority is being challenged in many aspects of life and the courts are burdened by a massive backlog of cases.



David Guttenfelder | Daily Texan Staff / Associated Press

In this April 8 file photo, a North Korean soldier stands in front of the country's Unha-3 rocket at Sohae Satellite Station in Tongchang-ri, North Korea.

North Korea to launch rocket

By Foster Klug
Associated Press

SEOUL, South Korea — North Korea is gearing up to fire a long-range rocket this month in a defiant move expected to raise the stakes of a global standoff over its missile and nuclear programs.

The North's announcement Saturday that it would launch the rocket between Dec. 10 and Dec. 22 came as President Barack Obama prepares for his second term.

It would be North Korea's second launch attempt under leader Kim Jong Un, who took power following his father Kim Jong Il's death nearly a year ago. Some analysts have expressed skepticism that North Korea has corrected whatever caused the embarrassing misfire of its last rocket eight months ago. That launch earned the country widespread international condemnation.

A spokesman for North Korea's Korean Committee for Space Technology, however, said scientists have "analyzed the mistakes" made in

the failed April launch and improved the precision of its Unha rocket and Kwangmyongsong satellite.

The statement said the launch was a request of late leader Kim Jong Il. He died on Dec. 17, 2011, and North Koreans are expected to mark that date this year with some fanfare. The space agency said the rocket would be mounted with a polar-orbiting Earth observation satellite, and maintained its right to develop a peaceful space program.

Washington considers North Korea's rocket launches to be veiled covers for tests of technology for long-range missiles designed to strike the United States.

China, the North's main ally and aid provider, also expressed concerns about the launch. Beijing's Foreign Ministry on Sunday acknowledged North Korea's right to the peaceful use of outer space, but said that had to be harmonized with restrictions including those set by the U.N. Security Council.

North Korea has capable

short- and medium-range missiles, but long-range launches in 1998, 2006, 2009 and in April of this year ended in failure. North Korea is not known to have succeeded in mounting an atomic bomb on a missile but is believed to have enough weaponized plutonium for at least half a dozen bombs. In 2010 it revealed a uranium enrichment program that could provide a second source of material for nuclear weapons.

North Korea said it chose a safe flight path so debris won't endanger neighboring countries. But there are still concerns over falling debris, and Japan's defense minister issued an order to missile units to prepare to intercept the rocket if it or its fragments threaten to hit Japan.

South Korean officials have accused North Korea of trying to influence the South's presidential election with what they consider provocations meant to put pressure on voters and on the United States as the North seeks concessions.

Instructor saves students from son

By Mead Gruver
Associated Press

CASPER, Wyo. — Gravely wounded by an arrow fired into his head, a Wyoming college instructor still managed to wrestle with his 25-year-old son who carried out the attack and give his students time to flee the classroom, say police who hailed the actions as heroic.

More grisly details of the horrific murder-suicide in Wyoming came after the younger man killed his father's live-in girlfriend and then barged into his father's computer science class and shot him in the head with a high-powered bow and arrow.

As James Krumm, 56, then fought with son Christopher Krumm of Vernon, Conn., during Friday's attack, the handful of students in the Casper College classroom escaped.

Christopher Krumm had just stabbed to death 42-year-old Heidi Arnold at the home she shared with James Krumm two miles away.

When police arrived at the classroom, they found

Christopher Krumm bleeding from self-inflicted knife wounds and taking his last breaths.

James Krumm was dead, Casper Police Chief Chris Walsh said.

Authorities believe "around six" students were in the classroom when Christopher Krumm entered, Casper police spokesman Justin Smith said. No students were hurt.

Walsh said police still were trying to figure out what motivated Christopher Krumm to attack his father and Arnold, a math instructor at the college. Arnold died of multiple stab wounds.

After shooting his father with the arrow, Christopher Krumm stabbed himself, then fatally stabbed his father in the chest in a struggle in the classroom.

Investigators said Christopher Krumm had recently driven to Casper from Connecticut and had been staying at a local hotel. He had no significant history of encounters with police.

Authorities were uncertain what went awry in his relationship with his father.



Alan Rogers | Associated Press

Crime scene tape surrounds the home of Casper College professors Jim Krumm and Heidi Arnold on Saturday in Casper, Wyo.

VIEWPOINT

Reading the tea leaves

In the past couple of years, Ted Cruz, a former UT law professor and U.S. Senator-elect from Texas, has catapulted himself to national prominence on a very simple premise: Find room to the right of the extremely conservative Republican establishment in one of the nation's most Republican states. By doing so, Cruz has successfully attracted a great deal of adoration, acclaim and funding from the hyper-conservative Tea Party movement. Riding that wave, he upset Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst in a runoff primary race last summer and soundly defeated Democratic Senate nominee Paul Sadler in the general election for retiring Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison's open seat. Cruz will represent Texas in the Senate for at least the next six years, and is one of the most popular Republican names being tossed around by pundits and news commentators as potential presidential candidates in 2016.

But Cruz has never held elected office before now, so we have no way of knowing for sure what kind of legislator he will be. He has some of the most impressive academic credentials in the Senate, with degrees from Princeton and Harvard Law School, and has been nationally recognized as an expert debater since his undergraduate years. But in his campaign for the Senate seat this year, he showed a pronounced tendency to build his platform on political expediency rather than good sense.

In the hotly contested primary election, Cruz and Dewhurst did their best to out-conservative each other, which resulted in them taking nearly identical stances on almost every issue. The reason Cruz prevailed is that he successfully painted Dewhurst as being willing to work across the aisle with Democrats — a charge that many voters would consider a point in Dewhurst's favor, but not Texans, and definitely not in today's polarized political climate. By portraying Dewhurst as too quick to compromise, Cruz appealed to a Republican base that hates the opposition more than it supports productive, bipartisan legislation. It worked out well for Cruz in the primary last May, but it was cause for concern for anybody hoping to see our nation's leaders work together anytime soon.

In the November general election Cruz called for the abolishment of the departments of Commerce, Energy and Education, the International Revenue Service and the Transportation Security Administration. The Department of Education provides much of college students' financial aid. Cruz called Social Security a "Ponzi scheme" in an interview with the Texas Tribune last fall and proposed to gut it by raising the retirement age and privatizing most of the program's benefits. He's also claimed that "Sharia law is an enormous problem" in the United States, called both Medicaid and Medi-

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care unconstitutional, and has promised to repeal "every syllable" of the Affordable Care Act (aka Obamacare) even if he has to "throw [his] body in front of a train to stop anything short of its complete and total repeal."

These positions made for great applause lines at Tea Party rallies, but they're almost completely implausible. Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid and all five of the government departments he mentioned are here to stay and are widely accepted as being necessary by people not wearing tinfoil hats. And because the U.S. Supreme Court declared Obamacare constitutional, the president won a second term and Democrats held on to the Senate majority, Cruz may want to schedule his railroad tracks outing.

We're not even going to dignify the "Sharia law" comment with a response.

Anybody who's heard Cruz speak recognizes his reasoning ability, so it's hard to believe he wasn't aware of the irrationality of his campaign rhetoric. The past year showed that he is willing to say whatever he needs to say to energize the conservative base behind him. It paid off, but one can reasonably expect Cruz to moderate his tone now that he's won. If he hopes to accomplish much of anything as a legislator he will have to ally himself with the Republican establishment he has been criticizing for the past year. They're eager to have his star power on their side, and he can't get meaningful legislation passed simply through fiery speeches and refusal to compromise.

Cruz has already shown signs of embracing the party line. About a week after the election he accepted the position of vice chairman for grass-roots operations and political outreach for the National Republican Senatorial Committee, a coalition of Republican senators committed to helping other Republican candidates get elected to the Senate.

Cruz has got his eye on the White House. He's Canadian by birth, so before he can even run for the office something will need to be done about the clause in the U.S. Constitution saying that only natural-born U.S. citizens can be elected president. But he will also have to move a lot more to the middle to appease independents and moderates. Hopefully, he'll start doing so now in his first term in the Senate.

What to Watch:

December 3 - 7

Every Monday, we provide a list of opinion-worthy events to expect during the coming week.

1

The Association for India's Development (AID) will stage a "die-in" on Monday at 11 a.m. on the West Mall. The event commemorates the 28th anniversary of a tragedy at the Union Carbide pesticide factory in Bhopal, India, which led to the death of some 25,000 people and exposed at least 150,000 others to debilitating illness, according to AID.

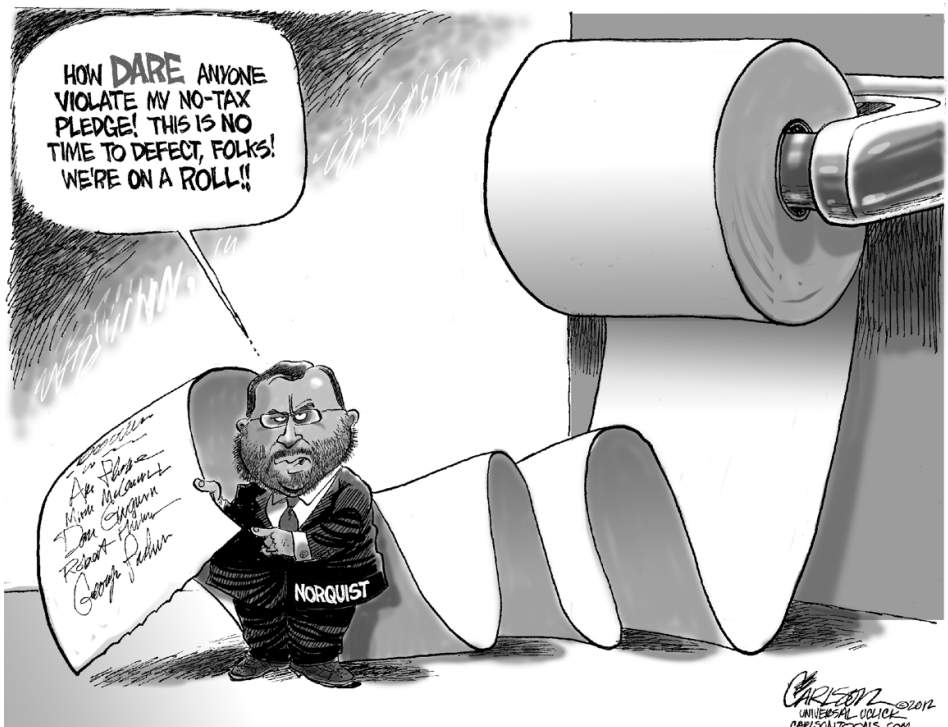
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The Secular Student Alliance hosts visiting scholar James Dee for a talk about the accuracy of biblical accounts of the nativity scene. A Q-and-A follows the talk, which will take place Wednesday from 7-9 p.m. in the Art Building (ART) 1.110.

3

On Thursday, the Texas Tribune hosts a conversation at the Austin Club with Republican state Sen. Kel Seliger. Seliger was appointed chairman of the Senate Higher Education Committee in October. The event requires a reservation, begins promptly at 8 a.m. and will take place at 110 E. Ninth St.

GALLERY



Scrutinize protests of UT's Israeli interests

By Tracy Frydberg

Guest Columnist

In the Nov. 29th column "Draw the connections: UT, the US and Israel," co-authors Christina Noriega and Jonathan Orta call for the University to "divest its interests in Israel" in an attempt to bring the Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions (BDS) movement to the UT campus. While the authors' arguments largely focused on U.S. government support of Israel's military activities in Gaza in recent weeks, the linchpin of the BDS movement is the symbolic academic boycott of Israel because of its years-long dispute with Gaza and the West Bank. The latter is the cause of the BDS movement's call for UT's divestment of its own interests in Israel.

The BDS campaign is a churlish act of economic warfare to delegitimize Israel as a Jewish state whose proponents hide behind inflammatory and misleading rhetoric. Supporters of BDS call for consumer, academic and cultural boycotts in the hopes of advancing Palestinian self-determination. Instead, the BDS campaign is a regressive step away from education, open dialogue and the actualization of peace for both the Palestinian and Israeli people.

Never mind the impracticality of asking UT students to give up their cellphones, laptops, voicemail, or instant messaging, all of which come from Israel — if the BDS campaign were implemented at UT, Israeli professors and students would be unwelcome on campus, students would be barred from studying abroad

in Israel and productive partnerships between UT and Israeli businesses, scientists and academics would cease. Slashing all ties with a country that has given the world so much would be not only impossible to execute, but detrimental to an open and free learning environment.

The intent of the BDS campaign stands in stark contrast to all values held high in an academic institution. Geoffrey Alderman, a professor of politics and contemporary history at the University of Buckingham in the United Kingdom, explained why the academic boycott of Israel is counter to academic principles. "The preoccupation of the boycotters with Israel," he writes in The Guardian, "gives away part of the game that the boycotters are playing — to attack Jewish rights and to undermine the legitimacy of the Jewish state. But there is a much more sinister game that we are being invited to play. And that game has as its objective the acceptance of the starkly totalitarian and genuinely terrifying view that dialogue within the worldwide academy must be open only to those who agree, beforehand, to espouse a certain set beliefs, and to identify themselves with a certain political agenda."

Further, by not calling out the opprobrious actions of other known human rights violators, the BDS campaign is not only hypocritical but anti-Semitic in nature. Hannah Rosenthal, the State Department's Special Envoy to Monitor and Combat Anti-Semitism, explicitly stated that boycotts of Israeli academics are anti-Semitic, using the following framework for identifying anti-Semitism: "When Israel

is demonized, when Israel is held to different standards than the rest of the countries, and when Israel is de-legitimized," Rosenthal said, "These cases are not disagreements with a policy of Israel, this is anti-Semitism."

By singling out the entire state of Israel among every other country in the Middle East, the intent of the BDS campaign is revealed. Martha Nussbaum, professor of law and ethics at the University of Chicago, wrote in reference to academic boycotts against Israel, "I am made uneasy by the single-minded focus on Israel." She continued, "One might consider, for example, the Chinese government's record on human-rights violations; South Korea's lamentable sexism and indifference to widespread female infanticide and feticide; the failure of a large number of the world's nations, including many, though not all, Arab nations, to take effective action in defense of women's bodily integrity and human equality; and many other cases." Nussbaum concluded that, if there were boycotts on all of the countries mentioned, it would be quite different from a world in which only scholars from one small nation were being boycotted. Proponents of BDS are silent when it comes to calling out the human rights violations taking place in Lebanon, Saudi Arabia, Turkey, Jordan, Iran, Sudan or Syria — in the latter, over 40,000 people have been murdered since March of last year, according to the Agence France-Presse.

In stark contrast to the countries mentioned above, Israel is a beacon of openness and tolerance in a region where there is little to be found

otherwise. Israel is the only true democracy in the Middle East; Israeli-Arab citizens have full voting rights, own land, hold important positions in parliament, the Supreme Court and the military. Israel has a free and independent press, which is more than can be said for virtually all of its neighbors. Citizens of Israel are active participants in democratic processes, such as the right to assemble, petition and strike (one that is perhaps used too often) and are free to choose from over two dozen political parties. Israel is also the only country in the Middle East where gays are free to get married and serve openly in the military.

Noriega and Orta were right about two important points. First, social movements do have the ability to flourish on campus. But a social movement requires engagement, discussion and creative thinking. Unfortunately, the BDS campaign represents nothing of the sort. Instead, it represents a regressive movement that does little to try and understand the complexity and nuance of the Israeli-Arab conflict. It discourages initiatives that could bring the two parties back to the negotiating table or to promote coexistence between the people of the region.

The authors also correctly state that the path to peace can start here at the UT-Austin. But to get on that path, instead of initiating economic warfare, let us invest in education and productive dialogue that will truly bring us closer to peace for both peoples in the Middle East.

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Texas considers coach's pay raise

Beverly Kearney, a University track coach who was placed on paid leave Nov. 11, was the discussion of a pay raise shortly before her suspension, according to documents released by the University on Friday.

According to an Associated Press article, women's athletics director Chris Plonsky wrote to University president William Powers Jr. on Sept. 24 requesting a pay raise for Kearney.

Kearney was placed on paid administrative leave Nov. 11 for reasons not disclosed by the University. She is described on Texas Sports as "one of the most successful and decorated coaches across all of collegiate athletics."

According to an email sent by the Department of Athletics earlier this month, "The University of Texas is reviewing issues pertaining to its women's track and field program. Until this process is completed, head coach Beverly Kearney will be on paid administrative leave."

Kearney, 54, became head coach of the women's track and field, and cross country teams in 1993. Since then, the Longhorns have won six national championships and 20 league titles. In 2007 she became the sixth Longhorn to enter the U.S. Track and Field and Cross Country Coaches Association Hall of Fame. She has been honored with five National Coach of the Year awards, nine District Coach of the Year awards and 16 Conference Coach of the Year awards.

—David Maly

UNIVERSITY

Cancer research slow in approval process

By David Maly

Cancer researcher Dr. Mark Clanton urged members of the UT community to write to their legislators in hopes of speeding up the 15 to 20 year approval process cancer research must go through before it becomes widely accepted in the medical field.

Clanton, chief medical officer for the High Plains Division of the American Cancer Society, said much has been done in terms of cancer research. He said the rate of deaths caused by cancer in the U.S. has been dropping at a rate of roughly 1 percent per year since 1991, but there are obstacles preventing cancer research from advancing as quickly as it could be.

"As people who pay taxes, you should care about these things," Canton said.

He delivered a talk titled "The War on Cancer: 41 Years After President Nixon's Declaration" to a crowd of 546 people on campus Friday. The talk was held as part of the Environmental Science Institute's Hot Science — Cool Talks series, which the organization holds to allow researchers the opportunity to share their work with the public. Clanton gave an overview of how far cancer research has come since U.S. President Richard Nixon signed the National Cancer Act into law in 1971. The act increased federal efforts to fight cancer through increased research funding and other initiatives.

Clanton said the cancer research approval process consists of five stages: discovery, translation, Food and Drug Administration approval, translation to practice and



Mark Clanton
Cancer researcher

wide acceptance. He said the translation to practice phase, which includes making research conducive to use on humans, can take 14 to 17 years alone, and such a long period of time is often not necessary.

He said the translation process needs additional funding from the federal government through the FDA and increased incentives for academics to participate in that step in the process.

Clanton said the process for obtaining tenure at most public universities rewards professors for individual work in their fields, not for the collaboration in and outside of their fields that is often necessary for the translation step of the research approval process.

He urged members of the audience to write to their legislators advocating for increased funding and a change in the tenure process.

William Sage, law school professor and vice provost for health affairs, said with plans for a UT-Austin medical school continuing, the University should care about these issues more than ever, as ground breaking cancer research could soon be done closer to home.

"In many ways, all eyes will be on us to do what we can," Sage said.

Polygamist sect abandons town

ELDORADO — When word spread eight years ago that a polygamist sect had settled in a remote corner of Texas, many in the town of Eldorado were nervous.

Some people were even downright terrified, the Houston Chronicle reported Sunday.

Outside the local courthouse in 2004, one woman held a poster that read, "The Devil is Here." A man invoked visions of the 1993 armed standoff with a religious fringe group in Waco that resulted in more than 70 deaths.

But the leader of the Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Warren Jeffs, is serving a life prison sentence. The group's 1,700-acre Yearning for Zion ranch is largely abandoned, and the state is trying to seize it in a forfeiture action filed this week. And many in Eldorado say fears about the sect have subsided.

"It is a non-issue for this community. They don't interact with this community," said Schleicher County Sheriff David Doran, whose five-man department was all but consumed with the issue in the first few years.

Eldorado, population 1,950, had been known for cotton and cattle, deer hunting and Friday night football. But then, hundreds of people wearing prairie-style garb began arriving to build the sprawling Yearning for Zion ranch outside town, which is about 200 miles from Austin. The sect is a radical offshoot of mainstream Mormonism whose members believe polygamy brings exaltation in heaven.

"Early on, there were people who worried they would come and take our children, but of course,

everyone who knows anything about this group knows they don't bring in people from the outside," Randy Mankin, publisher of the Eldorado Success newspaper, said.

The FLDS made headlines nationwide in 2008, when authorities raided its compound after hearing allegations that young girls were being forced into polygamist marriages. More than 400 children were seized temporarily but eventually returned to their families.

Jeffs last year was convicted of sexually assaulting two minors whom he described as his "spiritual wives." The 56-year-old is serving a life prison term but has continued to try to lead his roughly 10,000 followers from behind bars.

Doran said things have been very quiet with Jeffs no longer around.

"Whenever Jeffs was sent to prison, everything seemed to stop as far as construction goes. To me, it appears they are moving away from this place," he said.

Rod Parker, a Utah-based lawyer for the FLDS, said he had no idea what future plans they have for the Yearning for Zion ranch. He termed Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott's attempt to seize it, as "awfully heavy-handed."

"They don't like these people because of their beliefs, so they want to drive them out of Texas," Parker said.

All the evidence suggests that, at least for the time being, most sect members have left the compound near Eldorado.

During a flyover of the expansive compound — which includes numerous residences, a massive 120-foot-tall temple and even larger but not-yet-finished amphitheater — Justice of the Peace James Doyle said little was stirring this week.

"In the last nine months, they've all left, and all the heavy equipment is gone except for one old scraper and an old dozer," he said.

—Associated Press

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KANSAS STATE

Texas falls to Kansas State

By Lauren Giudice

The Longhorns' regular season is now over and, thanks to Kansas State's finishing touch, they finished with an 8-4 record.

Not exactly the season Texas was hoping for.

Even with a new quarterback at the helm, Texas was unable to do the unthinkable. Kansas State came alive in the second half and defeated Texas 42-24.

Case McCoy started the game with an incompletion and an interception, but then had 17 consecutive completions. He finished with 314 yards, two touchdowns and two interceptions.

Collin Klein, hoping to put the finishing touches on his Heisman resume, took advantage of McCoy's interceptions and scored touchdowns on both following possessions. Klein had two rushing touchdowns, a passing touchdown and

KSU continues on page 7



Elisabeth Dillon | Daily Texan Staff

A Kansas State defender tackles quarterback Case McCoy on Saturday in Manhattan, Kan. Despite a promising first half of play, Texas could not handle a second half offensive explosion by KSU. McCoy finished with two touchdowns and and two interceptions.

Turnovers problematic again in second straight week

WHY TEXAS LOST

Turnovers. Plain and simple this game was lost because of turnovers. The Longhorns played well and did a solid job containing Collin Klein. But the Wildcats scored 21 points off Texas' three turnovers, with a fourth quarter fumble and interception sealing the game for KSU.

BY THE NUMBERS

21: The amount of Kansas State's points that the Longhorns' trio of turnovers resulted in.

3: The amount of Texas points that the Wildcats' turnover resulted in.

18: The difference in points of turnovers and the difference in the final score.

QUARTER BY QUARTER

First: The first quarter started as badly as possible for the Longhorns. On Case McCoy's second throw of the game he was intercepted by Kansas State cornerback, Nigel Malone, who walked into the end zone for the touchdown, dropping the ball at the end of the play. Then, in a bizarre ruling, the Wildcats' touchdown was taken away because of his fumble and they were given the ball on the 1-yard line. Klein converted on the next play with a rushing touchdown.

Second: This frame went significantly better for Texas. The defense buckled down and didn't allow a point in the second quarter. It was McCoy that had the biggest turnaround. He was 9-for-10 in the second, leading the Longhorns on a pair of scoring drives to take a 10-7 halftime lead.

Third: The Longhorns' defense started to falter in the third. They gave up a pair of touchdowns, and the Wildcats began to move the ball at a nice clip on the ground. Texas scored its touchdown on a two-yard Malcolm Brown run.

Fourth: This quarter was defined by missed opportunities. A three-and-out led to a Kansas State touchdown. Then a missed Nick Jordan field goal cost the Longhorns a chance to get within a score. And a muffed punt return by Quandre Diggs allowed the Wildcats to put the game away with a momentum-swinging touchdown.

STOCK DOWN

Texas Football: The loss to Kansas State ended the Longhorns regular season at 8-4. It's the third straight season in which the Longhorns have failed to reach the 10-win barrier.

Texas still has an Alamo Bowl to look forward to, but as of now, this team doesn't have a ton to lean on heading into 2013. The offense is once again marred by a quarterback controversy between Case McCoy and David Ash, which will likely stretch into the offseason. The defense continues to show holes, and this group can't find a way to play a complete game against quality opponents. Without a convincing bowl performance it will be a long offseason in Austin for the Longhorns.

STOCK UP

Malcolm Brown: The often injured running back finally got back into the offensive flow on Saturday after not receiving a carry against TCU. He was effective too. Brown rushed for 40 yards and a touchdown on only seven carries, and added an additional 43 yards receiving. He looked spry and had a burst late in the game, perhaps attributable to his lengthy period of time off as he dealt with an ankle injury. He's the Longhorns best all-around back and it looks like he's finally found his role in co-offensive coordinator Bryan Harsin's offense.

— Chris Hummer

VOLLEYBALL

Longhorns defeat A&M, advance to third round

By Rachel Thompson

A rivalry at its finest, complete with the fanfare and invigoration of passionate fans split by conference realignment set the scene Friday night as Texas defeated Texas A&M 3-1 in the second round of the NCAA tournament.

While Bailey Webster and Haley Eckerman pounded 17 kills each, a mass of Aggies fresh from College Station along with an enthusiastic crowd of Texas fans filled Gregory Gym to the brim, bringing their signature spirit and

Khat Bell
Sophomore

loudness that upped the excitement of the Longhorns' second NCAA tournament win.

"We had a very good offense," head coach Jerritt Elliott said. "The numbers show that we were very efficient which is important if you want to advance in this tournament. We certainly plan to do that."

The consistent Longhorns completed a solid first set with Bailey Webster's five kills, but the Aggies trailed closely behind, keeping Texas on its toes and nearly snatching the Longhorns' lead. Strong offensive performances allowed Texas to finish the set at 25-16.

The second set was characterized by missed balls and Aggie cheers as the suddenly frazzled Longhorns struggled to keep up. The Aggies nabbed the set with several streaks, concluding at 25-19 to tie the Longhorns 1-1 in the match.

"We needed a set to regroup and refocus, which we were able to do during halftime," Webster said of the lost second set. "It worked out well for us."

Texas battled in the third set point by point with nine tie scores and five lead changes,

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Horns dominate on defense

By Matt Warden

Defense wins championships, and on Friday it destroyed Texas A&M-Corpus Christi.

The Texas Longhorns defeated Texas A&M-Corpus Christi 79-30 behind freshman Imani McGee-Stafford's 20 points and 11 rebounds, improving to 5-0 for the season. The No. 13 team in the land stifled the Islanders with constant pressure early, holding them to 9 points on 9.7 percent shooting in the first half.

"I've been continually impressed with how our team has started games," head coach Karen Aston said. "I really love teams that are ready to play when the tip happens and I'm a big believer in setting a tone in the first four or five minutes of a game. I'm impressed with how we've done that."

Texas used its presence inside to punish the Islanders throughout the contest, out-rebounding them 58-35 while scoring 46 points in the low block to its opponent's 9. The team also scored 21 second chance points to the Islanders' 0, showcasing its ability to beat opponents on the glass and capitalize on their weaknesses.

Karen Aston has been



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Freshman Imani McGee-Stafford shoots in Friday's 79-30 victory over Texas A&M-Corpus Christi. McGee-Stafford had 20 points and 11 rebounds.

pleased with the improved cohesiveness of her team as the season has progressed. After banding together to hold its opponents to the fewest points allowed by the squad since 2006, in

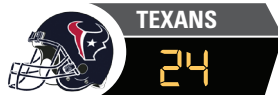
addition to shooting 45.1 percent with 24 assists on the offensive end, Aston's pleasure continues to grow.

"It's very hard to keep the

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SIDELINE

NFL



TOP TWEET

Dean Melchionni
@UncleDream717

"I used to think Kel from 'Keenan and Kel' was a fool for being in love with orange soda...until I realized it is a sweet nectar from heaven."

SPORTS BRIEFLY

Texans guaranteed spot in playoffs

With a 24-10 victory over the Tennessee Titans, the Houston Texans secured a spot in the NFL post season in addition to setting a regular season Texans franchise record for number of wins. In the win, quarterback Matt Schaub threw for 207 yards and two touchdowns. Arian Foster also came away with a touchdown. The Texans' only loss came at home to Greenbay, a 42-24 defeat.

Chiefs' Belcher dies by suicide

Over the weekend, Kansas City Chief's linebacker Jovan Belcher fatally shot his 22-year old girlfriend Kasandra Perkins before dying by suicide at Arrowhead Stadium in Kansas City in front of head coach Romeo Crennel, general manager Scott Pioli and defensive coordinator Gary Gibbs. Perkins was a native Austinite who had graduated from L.C. Anderson High School in Austin in 2009. The couple leaves behind a three-month old daughter.

Horns face Florida in Sweet 16

The Longhorns will host the third and fourth rounds of the NCAA on Friday and Saturday. This is the 19th time since 1982 that the Longhorns have made it to round 3. On Friday night, the No. 3 Longhorns will face No. 14 Florida. If they win, the Longhorns will face either USC or Wichita State on Saturday night. The Longhorns swept Florida 3-0 on the road at the Big 4 Tournament in August.

— Sara Beth Purdy

BCS Standings

1. Notre Dame

2. Alabama

3. Florida

4. Oregon

5. Kansas State

11. Oklahoma

23. Texas

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Horns solid over Mavericks, Lewis leads with 18 points

By Nick Cremona

Julien Lewis scored a season-high 18 points as Texas topped UT-Arlington 70-54 Saturday afternoon at the Frank Erwin Center. Lewis caught fire from behind the three-point line, hitting a career-high six threes as well as recording a game-high four steals.

Texas would finish the game with three scorers in double-digits and shot 50 percent as a team from behind the three-point arc.

“There were more good things,” head coach Rick Barnes said. “We ran some fake screen action and got where we could drive the ball. Some of that was good. It’s just the mentality there when you have the lead that we don’t stay engaged.”

The Longhorns jumped to an early lead, fueled by eight first half three-pointers. Texas shot 52 percent from the field in the first half and en-

tered the intermission with a 38-18 lead over the Mavericks. The Mavericks’ Jordan Reeves and Cameron Catlett led the team in scoring with four points apiece at the half.

Javan Felix tied a career-high with nine assists and turned the ball over twice as he split point guard duties with fellow freshmen Ioannis Papapetrou and Demarcus Holland. Papapetrou added a career-high 17 points on 5-of-8 shooting from the field. Holland garnered his second consecutive start in favor of sophomore Sheldon McClellan, who came off the bench to score 14 points.

Texas led by 28 points with 12 minutes to play in the second half and the Mavericks struggled to keep up for much of the game. While the Mavericks did finish the game with more points in the paint, the Longhorns converted 19 UTA

turnovers into 20 points and were buoyed by 43 points off the bench, thanks in large to McClellan and Papapetrou.

“Even the walk-ons would tell you that we didn’t play as hard the second half, and that is part of learning how to finish and having the discipline to play for 40 minutes,” Barnes said.

Defense continues to be the calling card for this Texas team as it held the Mavericks to less than 30 percent shooting from the field for the game.



Julien Lewis
Sophomore guard

BY THE NUMBERS

1.125: Texas’ assist-to-turnover ratio. For the first time all season, the Longhorns recorded more assists (18) than turnovers (16). Their turnover-to-assist ratio before Saturday’s win was 0.52.

29.5: UT-Arlington’s field goal percentage. This game marked the second straight that Texas held its opponent to under 30 percent shooting from the floor. Texas has held every opponent below 40 percent shooting from the floor.

GAME BREAKDOWN

1st Half: Texas fell behind 2-0 early but, after Julien Lewis’ three-pointer opened up the Longhorns’ scoring nearly three minutes after the opening tip, they did not trail again. They used a 12-2 run to distance themselves from UT-Arlington, who shot just 25.9 percent from the floor in the first half. Meanwhile, Texas shot 52 percent from the floor and hit eight of 15 three-point attempts (53.3 percent) from beyond the arc in the first 20 minutes. Lewis, Connor Lammert and Ioannis Papapetrou each hit at least two three-pointers before halftime.

2nd Half: Lewis picked up right where he left off, draining three three-pointers in the first five minutes of the second half, giving him a career-high six for the game. The Longhorns led by 28, 62-34, after the last of their 13 three-pointers, but were outscored by UT-Arlington, 20-8, over the final 20 minutes.

— Christian Corona

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then took the reins with sturdy hits and polished off the set with a Sha’Dare McNeal kill.

A composed Texas dominated the fourth set with seven kills by Haley Eckerman, three straight points by Molly McCage and a strong seven-point streak that the Aggies were not able to catch up with, concluding the match 3-1.

Eckerman said bringing a rivalry back to Gregory Gym was an exciting part of the tournament for her.

“It is always great to play Texas A&M,” she said. “It was great to get the crowd involved, to be challenged and to have a great match against the Aggies.”

While the challenge and excitement that came with battling Texas A&M at home was apparent to fans, Elliott said etching another win on the team’s resume in the NCAA tournament meant more than defeating a rival team.

“As all season has proven, our team is steady and battles when the game is on the line,” Elliott said. “I was pleased with it.”

Friday night’s accom-

plishment set aside, the stakes rise and the competition grows in the next step of the tournament, Elliott said.

“Every match you start to see more physical players,” he said. “If it is Florida, it will be a battle. It will be a challenge. We have to play great and in order to do that we will have to have the crowds here.”

But for the hundreds of supporters decked in burnt orange or in maroon and white, Friday’s game was all about a rivalry brought back to life in an old gym, reminiscent of strong ties between two Texas schools that even a conference gap could never fully break.

Offense consistent against Aggies

WHY TEXAS WON

Texas had a very efficient offense throughout the match against Texas A&M. They were able to score well and often to secure the win. Also, the Longhorns had the ability to fight their way out of a hole after dropping the second set and narrowly winning the third. They won the match 3-1 (25-16, 19-25, 25-19, 25-18).

BY THE NUMBERS

4.3: Bailey Webster’s average for kills per set over the past five games.

17: The number of kills apiece that Webster and Haley Eckerman had against the Aggies.

19: Number of times that Texas has advanced to the third round of the NCAA tournament.

71-23: Texas’ all-time record against Texas A&M.

SET BY SET

Set 1: Everything went smoothly for the Longhorns during set one. The Aggies kept it close at first, but the Texas offense quickly picked up to secure the 25-16 win off back-to-back errors by Texas A&M.

Set 2: The second set was the opposite of set one. Everything seemed to be going well for the Aggies who were riding off the high of a spirited crowd from College Station. Although the Longhorns turned in decent offensive stats, 11 kills with only three errors and a .320 hitting clip, the Aggie offense turned in a better performance with a .387 hitting clip and 16 kills. The Aggies got out early and the Longhorns were not able to overcome the early deficit and lost 19-25.

Set 3: The Longhorns came out of the break and played a scrappy and close third set. The lead changed hands several times through the first half of the set, but the Longhorn offense pulled ahead at the end for the 25-19 set three victory and the 2-1 match advantage.

Set 4: Texas A&M got the first point of the fourth set, but was unable to prevent the swing in momentum. Largely due to the decibel levels of the crowd, the Longhorns surged ahead and cruised to the 25-18 victory.

STOCK UP

Khat Bell: The sophomore, who missed the 2011 post season due to a knee injury, was easily the most spirited player on the Longhorns’ sideline against their former rival. She rejoiced after scores, rallied her team during the negatives and visibly fed off the spirit of the crowd. Bell finished the match with 11 kills and three errors, right behind Webster and Eckerman. She also hit an impressive .421 for the match.

—Sara Beth Purdy

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an interception in the game.

Klein didn’t have an incredible performance, but he was vital in pulling the Wildcats ahead in the second half.

“I have watched [Klein] for three or four years now and he is so big and unselfish,” head coach Mack Brown said. “He is also hard to tackle, is accurate with his passing game, and that is what makes him such a great player.”

The Longhorns entered the locker room at halftime with a 10-7 lead, but the second half was very different from the first.

“They got a little bit of momentum and got the crowd back into the game, that is just a part of college football,” McCoy said. “As long as we fight, it does not matter what bowl game we go to. We will have a great shot at winning.”

John Hubert’s three rushing touchdowns, one of which was a result of a Qandree Diggs fumble, and Klein’s 99-yard rushing touchdown in the second half put the win out of the Longhorns’ reach.

After holding Kansas State to just 114 total yards in the first half, the Wildcats scored on their first three possessions in the second half. The Wildcats started the third quarter with a 75-yard touchdown drive that ended

in a John Hubert 2-yard run into the end zone.

“Basically, they just out-executed us,” safety Adrian Phillips said. “They did what they were supposed to do, and we did not come out to do our job after halftime. That is why we got hurt.”

The Longhorns knew their running game would need to perform to succeed against the Wildcats, but unfortunately, they only had 99 rushing yards.

After being sidelined with an ankle injury and having limited playing time since his return, Malcolm Brown finally made the return he was hoping for and scored both of the Longhorns’ touchdowns in the second half. He scored on a 2-yard run and on a 9-yard reception. He had seven rushes for 40 yards and averaged 5.7 yards per carry.

But it wasn’t enough to respond to the Wildcats’ offensive surge.

“We were sitting there and K-State had just taken the lead and we had been going back and forth, back and forth,” senior guard Mason Walters said. “Our offense had a drive that stalled out. They played good defense on the drive. We just could not get anything going.”

Texas’ three turnovers and struggles down the stretch lost the Longhorns the game and allowed Kansas State to clinch the Big 12 title and a trip to the Fiesta Bowl. It also concluded a subpar regular season for the Longhorns.

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instead, that he can play safety on the 40 Acres. All that before the Longhorns sign Belton’s David Ash and Manziel comes to the brink of becoming the first freshman to ever win the Heisman Trophy.

“I actually called them and expressed interest to them and let them know just how much I wanted to be a part of that program,” Manziel told the Dan Patrick Show last week. “Everything happens for a reason in my eyes and that door didn’t open for a reason.”

The aforementioned Ash was

available to play against Kansas State but did not take a single snap as his backup, junior Case McCoy, threw for 314 yards and two touchdowns. McCoy completed 17 straight passes at one point, one shy of his older brother’s school record, but it was not enough as he was also picked off twice and Texas could not hold the 17-14 lead it held until the final minute of the third quarter.

Any hope of making significant progress this year has been lost. And unless serious changes and improvements are made, it will be a while before any progress is made.

Because, with every disappointing loss and underachieving season, the Texas name matters less and less.



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Junior guard Ashley Roberts dribbles against Texas A&M-Corpus Christi on Friday morning. Texas overwhelmed the Islanders on both offense and defense to get to 5-0 in the season.

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team as focused because we have a lot of young players and they lose their focus quite often,” Aston said. “I’m really proud of Ashley [Roberts] from that standpoint because I can see she is starting to get more comfortable in our system and her maturity is going to help us down the stretch.”

In addition to dominat-

ing the post, Texas played its signature style of basketball by controlling the tempo of the game while compiling 14 fast-break points. The guard play that has been a source for much of the team’s success in the past is emerging as a nice complement to the domination in the post.

“I think we are getting more comfortable playing with each other, we’re moving the ball a lot more and that’s why we are getting more assists each game,” junior guard

Ashley Roberts said.

Roberts was a key to much of the success in this game, playing a season high 33 minutes while doing a bit of everything with nine points, four rebounds, five assists and four steals in her first start as a Longhorn. Junior guard Chelsea Bass also made quite an impact, scoring 11 points in her first game back since an injury sidelined her for much of last season.

“It was a really important and special game for me,” Bass

said. “Coming back from injury has been a long road and I just wanted to come out and show that I have been working really hard to get back.”

Sophomore Nneka Enemkpali also extended her streak of consecutive double-doubles by posting 11 points and 18 rebounds. Her five consecutive double-doubles ties her for the most in program history.

The Longhorns will carry their 5-0 record into a battle with UCLA Saturday.

Freshmen critical in Longhorns’ early success

By Garrett Callahan

Two Saturdays ago Imani McGee-Stafford had one of the best games of her career. However, almost a week later, the center outshined that very game.

Against Texas A&M-Corpus Christi, McGee-Stafford earned her second double-double game of the season while also tallying a career-high 11 rebounds. That is the most rebounds from a

Longhorn in a single game since Ashley Gayle in 2010. The California native also recorded a career-high 20 points which was the most in the game for any Texas player.

The young center looks to be a hopeful sight for the future of the Longhorns on the court.

Starting strong has been a key aspect of the Longhorns’ game.

Since new head coach Karen Aston started last spring she has pushed the

fact that her team needs to come out fast and strong. It’s only been five games, but her Longhorns have done just that.

In the last game against Central Connecticut State, the Longhorns started out with 51 points in the first half, making it their strongest first half since 2010. However on Friday night the Longhorns had just as strong of a first half, if not better. They scored 46 points while holding the Islanders to just

nine. That is the least amount of points that the Longhorns have held an opponent to in a half since 2003. TAMU-CC did not record a field goal until the 11:18 mark.

“I’ve been continually impressed with how our team has started games,” Aston said. “I really love teams that are ready to play when the tip happens and I’m a big believer in setting a tone in the first four or five minutes of a game. I’m impressed with how we’ve done that.”

NPR host inspires with Race Card Project

By **Jesse Washington**
Associated Press

She asked for just six words.

Michele Norris, the National Public Radio host, was starting a book tour for her memoir, which explored racial secrets. Sensing a change in the atmosphere after the election of the first black president, and searching for a new way to engage and listen, Norris printed 200 postcards asking people to express their thoughts on race in six words.

The first cards that trickled into her mailbox were from Norris' friends and acquaintances. Then they started coming from strangers, from people who had not heard Norris speak, from other continents. The tour stopped; the cards did not:

"You know my race. NOT ME!"; "Chinese or American? Does it matter."; "Oh, she's just another white girl."; "Waiting for race not to matter."

Such declarations brought the Race Card Project to life.

"I thought I knew a lot about race," says Norris, 51, an award-winning black journalist. "I realized how little I know through this project."

Two years later, the cards have become almost a parallel career for Norris, best known for her work on NPR's "All Things Considered." She and an assistant have catalogued more than 12,000 submissions on theracecardproject.com. People now send them via Facebook and Twitter or type them directly into the website, leading to vibrant online discussions.

Many cannot resist accompanying their Race Cards with explanations, stories and personal experiences. Norris, in turn, feels compelled to contact them, listen to their stories, and archive this new conversation about race.

The discussion is inseparable from this moment, when the page of America's racial history is in mid-turn. Part of Norris' inspiration came from a series of NPR interviews on race during



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This Nov. 29, 2012 photo shows National Public Radio host and journalist Michelle Norris in her home in Washington. Two years ago, Norris was embarking on a tour for her book about her family's racial secrets and wanted to find a way to engage and learn from her audiences. So she printed up postcards asking people to express their thoughts on race in just six words. Twelve thousand postcards later, the Race Card Project has created a new type of discussion about race in America.

Barack Obama's ascent. His reelection has reenergized Norris' multiracial community of six-word poets:

"Black babies cost less to adopt.", "Never a Nazi, just a German.", "You are dirt, so I scrubbed."

Eric Liu, an author and educator, heard about the Race Card Project from a friend. He calls it "brilliantly powerful" due to the strict brevity: "It forces this profundity that you wouldn't get if you let people go on for two hours."

"It uses this format on the front end to unlock all of this expression and imagination," Liu said, "and on the back end, once it's out in the world, it forces people to see each other with new eyes."

That's what happened one Sunday when Celeste Brown, a graduate student from Florida, noticed the Race Card Project on Twitter and typed "We aren't all 'Strong Black Women'" into

her computer.

A fire was lit. Women and men of all ethnicities gathered at keyboards from Los Angeles to Ireland. Comments flew: Isn't Strong Black Woman a compliment? No, it's strong like oxen — less than human. It doesn't matter how we treat them because they will survive. Time to stop putting up walls and be vulnerable. I feel like I'm forced to be strong. It makes a woman sound like a weed, not a flower.

In an interview, Brown said that her statement unconsciously distilled ideas and experiences she had previously shared only with close friends, like the tension between being independent and needing a man, or the question of how black women can build careers without being stereotyped as too aggressive.

"I wrote the first thing that came to mind,"

Brown said.

For Norris, such exchanges fulfill her goal of making it easier for people to talk about race. As a professional interviewer, she often sees racial questions lead people into "the pretzel twist" — arms folded, legs crossed, shoulders hunched. But with the Race Card Project, people express things unlikely to be spoken into an NPR microphone:

"Marry white to dilute the black.", "I married a black man anyway.", "When did your family come here?"; "Disagree with blacks? Automatic racist. Pathetic!!!"

Norris knows about reticence from her own family. In her memoir, "The Grace of Silence," Norris describes a secret her dotting father never told her: He was shot in 1946 by a white police officer in his native Birmingham, Ala.

Her mother hid something, too: Norris' beloved

grandmother traveled from town to town in the 1940s and '50s dressed as Aunt Jemima to sell pancake mix, a custom that many now consider a degrading mammy stereotype.

By confronting her family's secrets, Norris has inspired others to reveal their own.

Like the businessman in Los Angeles' Koreatown who told Norris that he abhors Asian gangs, but secretly roots for them because they present an image of Asian manhood he doesn't see anywhere else.

Or the elderly white woman who, along with her childhood friends, used to throw rocks at black sharecropper children walking by her home in Louisiana. She recalls the chill she got when one black girl was hit by a rock and turned to look her dead in the eye, a look that made her recognize her transgression.

Or the story of Arlene Lee, who posted: "Birthdays present; you are black, sorta?"

On the night before Lee's 50th birthday, she was going through the papers of her late mother, an immigrant from Peru. Lee found her mother's real birth certificate, plus a fake one she had used to enter the United States in 1958. On the fake document, Lee's mother had changed her race from black to white.

"My mother raised me to be white and I am, at least by self identification I guess," Lee wrote on the Race Card Project website.

"It breaks my heart that we never had a chance to talk about it, that she didn't feel she could trust her only child to understand and that she didn't feel she could ever come out of hiding," Lee wrote.

"And now, I have a new prism through which to see things."

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my megalomania."

That is not to say building the cathedral, an ongoing project, has been an easy process for Hannemann. What serves as the backdrop for a Bank of America commercial is also a manifestation of Hannemann's trials and tribulations.

"It's a faith journey. It's having faith in whatever it is that's calling you, and going down that path, and it has not been easy," Hannemann said. "It's been hard as shit. Both of my wives divorced me and didn't want to have anything to do with this. This is pain and suffering to the left and right."

Hannemann and his two dogs, Smokey and Gina, now live alone in the famed house on Lareina Drive, but the three are hardly ever alone.

"Obviously, I'm a fucking asshole," Hannemann said. "And it's kind of ironic, really, because I'm really not that great with people, that I should end up in a situation where I have to deal with people all day long, all the damn time."

Despite his apparent distaste for human interaction, Hannemann does enjoy seeing people interact with his creation.

"All this energy that I've

put into this is a way of reproducing," Hannemann said. "You can pass on your genetic information in so many different ways. When I see children come over here and see their little brains click up to a higher level, I can see it. This is a reproductive strategy for me."

Hannemann's Cathedral of Junk has played various roles in many visitors' lives, and for that, he is thankful.

"People come over here, they feed me with their responses. What if that guy goes over there and proposes to her?" Hannemann said, and motioned to a man with his girlfriend. "And that's

happened before, and that's so crazy. The feeling that I can get from something like that is beyond words. It's so fucking special."

According to Hannemann, one of the most valuable aspects of the cathedral is how it inspires people and gives them permission to go and build their own piles of junk, or do whatever they enjoy doing.

"It might give you a little bit of hope to go ahead and do whatever it is. It might give you permission," Hannemann said. "To think 'That crazy dude did that, so maybe I could do something.'"

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stringing together multiple kills, evolving into a more efficient killing machine is surprisingly addictive. Customizing weapons and crafting equipment tacks on several more enjoyable hours of gameplay.

Despite these improvements, "Far Cry 3" still plays host to some irking qualities of its own. A below-average frame rate and numerous loading screens on the console editions make it difficult for gamers to remain immersed in the world of Rook Island. PC gamers will no doubt enjoy a more fluid experience with high-end central processing units. Similarly, artificial intelligence leaves much to be

desired, even on the highest difficulty. Combat is only as dynamic as players choose to make it, since enemies do not add much variety of their own to each encounter. Most of the time, artificial intelligence make easy targets by standing in the open during fights, which ultimately discourages creativity or strategy. Wild animal attacks during shoot-outs, dying during cutscenes and overly-sensitive vehicle steering can likewise detract from a more polished experience.

Multiplayer and cooperative game modes are nothing to write home about, unfortunately. Taking obvious cues from industry leaders like Call of Duty, "Far

Cry 3" has a couple of basic gametypes and maps to choose from, most of which do little to draw players in.

For first-person shooter fans seeking shelter from the stifling monotony of "Halo" and "Call of Duty," "Far Cry 3's" exciting single player campaign may be the

answer. Offering a more robust sandbox-gaming experience than ever before, Ubisoft succeeds in creating a break from generic shooters. However, a far-fetched plot and online game modes that do not break new ground may be tough sells to more astute gamers.

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brilliant, and combined with Phillips' snarky character, it makes the book laugh-out-loud funny at moments. Colfer does an incredible job drafting his characters. Almost everyone in the book is Phillips' enemy, but the characters never come across as villains. They are just people, and even though Phillips views them as the worst people on the planet, Colfer presents them to the reader with balance.

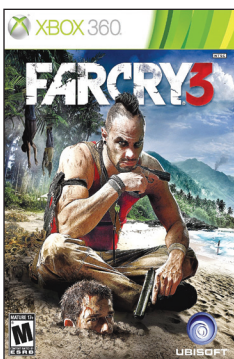
Despite all of this, the novel's issues outweigh everything else. The story is told through journal entries, where Phillips often writes with exclamation points and all-caps, making the writing seem immature. Phillips also has an incredible memory, as he will transcribe entire conversations he had. It would have been better if Colfer just let the novel be a first-person narrative. In Phillips' journal entries, it is clear they have been written for someone to read. And, most frustratingly, Colfer forgets to change the date of his journal entries to 2013 when the new year begins.

There are instances when Colfer takes the jokes too far. In one scene when Phillips is complaining about the requirement to take Algebra 2, he writes: "I understand we have to compete

with China and Japan, but we also have to compete with Iran, and you don't see us in classes learning to drill oil or make nuclear weapons." Colfer may be trying to create a snarky and rude high school character, but with jokes like this, he blurs the line between funny and offensive.

"Struck By Lightning" has an ending that makes the whole story seem pointless — a frustrating conclusion that never makes it clear what Colfer is trying to say.

At times, the snarkiness of Colfer's voice is undeniably fantastic, and that alone makes "Struck By Lightning" almost a worthy read. But it is probably best to just wait for the movie. Hopefully Colfer is a better director than he is a writer.

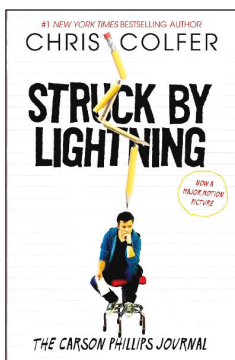


FAR CRY 3

Developer: Ubisoft Montreal

Release Date: December 4

Price: \$60



STRUCK BY LIGHTNING

Chris Colfer

Publisher: Little, Brown

WALKEN IN A WINTER WONDERLAND



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14 The answer to a preacher's prayers?

15 Org. with sniffing dogs

16 Old Soviet naval base site

17 Devour

19 Some online ads

20 "You cheated!"

21 Cooler contents

23 New York's Tappan _____ Bridge

24 Waste time playfully

28 Buffalo Bill

31 Teacher after a test, e.g.

32 "Honest" prez

33 File folder projection

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1 "The First Wives Club" actress Goldie

2 Melville opus

3 Ill-gotten wealth

4 Criminal renown

5 Deck out

6 Pasture moisture

7 More madcap

8 Muhammad Ali strategy

9 "Much About Nothing" withdrawal's opposite: Abbr.

10 Japanese truck maker

12 "Quaking" tree

13 Erased a tattoo, say

18 God, in Italian

22 Blue shade

25 Spy grp. dissolved in 1991

26 Many a song at a dance club

27 Not a photocopy: Abbr.

28 Al who created Joe Bltspk

29 Instrument with metal keys

30 Tin can blemish

33 One doing piano repair

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Puzzle by Gareth Bain

37 Continental coin

38 Coup d'_____

40 Space race hero Gagarin

43 Superannuated

44 Genetic material

47 They may fall apart under cross-examination

48 Too sentimental

49 Not hoard

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51 New York city with a name from antiquity

52 Company that originated Frisbees and Boogie Boards

53 _____Lingus

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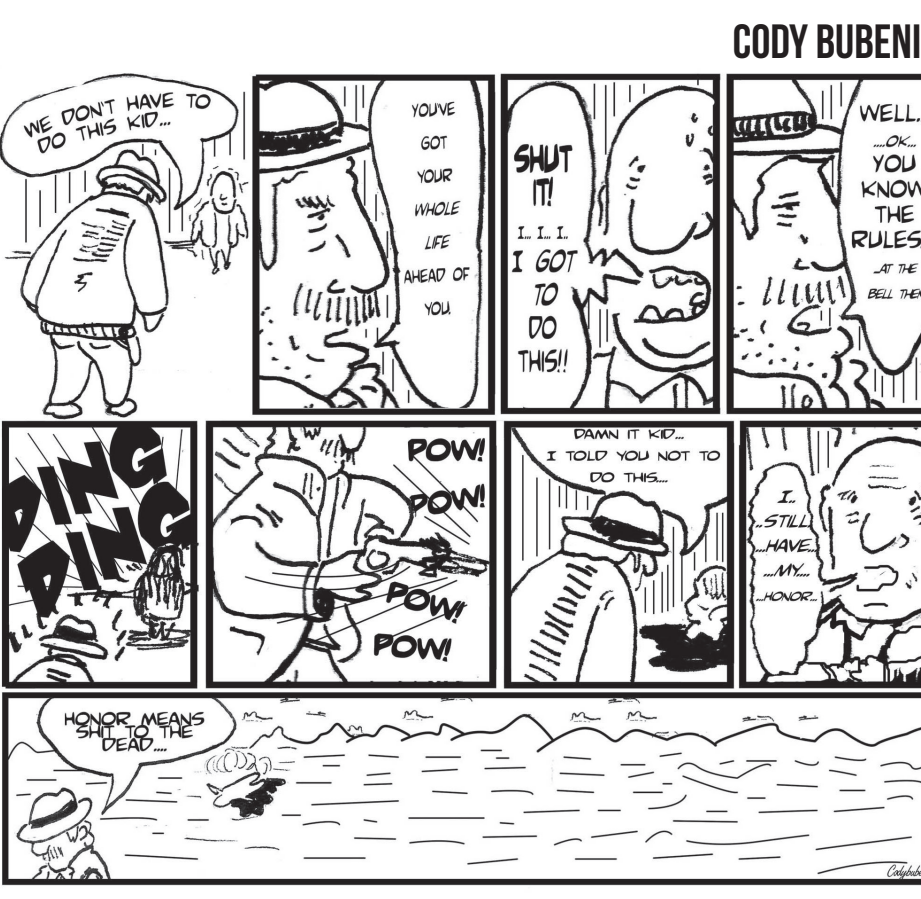
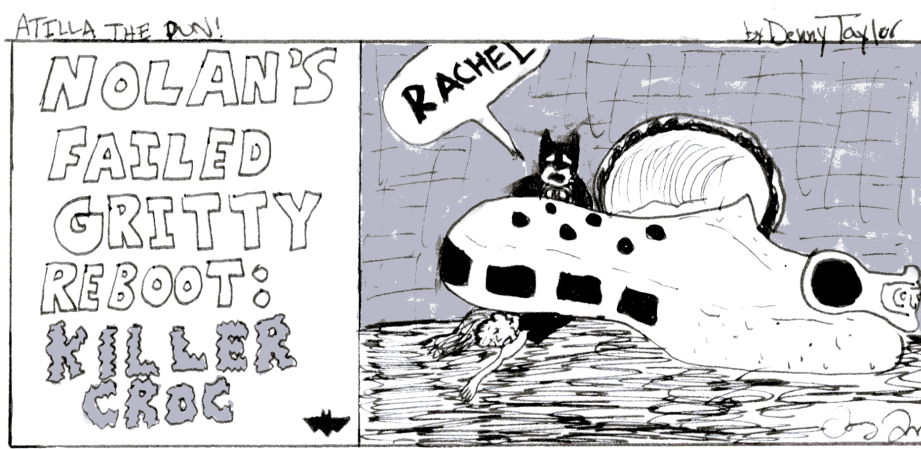
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Vince Hannemann is the artist behind Cathedral of Junk, a towering structure that peaks above his rooftop in his South Austin backyard. The cathedral features three levels and an assortment of passages and rooms where visitors can freely roam and observe all the street signs, Barbies, phones, toilet seats and who knows what.

Junk transforms from trash to art

By **Hannah Smothers**

If there is such a place as heaven for inanimate objects, it could very well be Vince Hannemann's backyard.

Hannemann reigns as king of the pile of assorted objects and discarded memories he built in his Lareina Drive backyard in 1989. Smokey the dog stands guard at the painted gate that denotes the entrance into a world where the old has been made new

and things that once filled attics now form walls.

The Cathedral of Junk, as Hannemann's mother so dubbed the sculpture, is a twisting house built of concrete and things that one might usually find in a city dump. It is composed of several rooms and has a staircase built from old tires that leads up to a second floor.

"I don't really need to say anything, honestly," Hannemann said. "The cathedral speaks for itself. If I were

to be out of here, you would all freaking get it."

Fueled by a steady stream of Lone Star beer, Hannemann stands at the opening of the cathedral all day and invites visitors to explore the sculpture, but does not personally dictate the experience for them.

"People get it on different levels," Hannemann said. "Kids run around here and play hide and seek, adults walk down memory lane. I've got my own fantasies, but

that's private. I've gotta have something private."

Privacy is a crucial concept for somebody like Hannemann, who has strangers traipsing through his backyard on a daily basis. People travel from all over the world to come see the house that Hannemann built.

"I'm from El Paso," cathedral visitor Mike Ahumada said. "But my New Yorker friend over there, he told us to come see it."

Ahumada is one of several

in attendance at the cathedral. Ahumada motioned to two other visitors in his group and said they were from the Philippines. Two others exploring the structure were from Mexico.

"I'm just here for a visit," Martin Restituyo, Ahumada's New Yorker friend, said. "We came to Austin to see this."

Hannemann said groups of people from all over the world enter his backyard everyday, all because he sculpted a cathedral out of old junk.

Hannemann said he does not believe the Cathedral of Junk should be that big of a deal. According to him, the constant barrage of visitors and reporters only feeds his self-ascribed vanity.

"I don't know. You know, I've always been full of myself and very, very confident in my artistic ability," Hannemann said. "I've never had artistic block or anything like that. It just feeds

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VIDEO GAME REVIEW | 'FAR CRY 3'



Vaas, the capricious and violent antagonist of "Far Cry 3," sets up the dark tone of the game by explaining the definition of insanity. Three times.

Photo courtesy of Ubisoft Montreal

Sequel shows vast improvement

By **Stuart Railey**

While "Far Cry 3" flaunts marked improvements over its predecessor, Ubisoft's latest first-person shooter game adds little to the genre as a whole and may leave more attentive fans unsatisfied.

Without giving too much of the plot away, "Far Cry 3" has players assume the identity of Jason Brody, a hapless vacationer who winds up in the midst of a slave-trafficking ring. Forced to escape from his captors and reclaim each of his friends, Brody transforms from a docile thrill-seeker into a vengeful king of carnage. Taking place on the picturesque Rook Island, an uncharted island in

the Pacific, the events of "Far Cry 3" play out through a series of main missions that can be supplemented with hours of exploration, hunting and side quests.

The innovative soundtrack for the game is rather impressive, complementing suspenseful moments with high-tempo music to heighten the intensity. Most of the characters are fleshed out and believable, with a couple of cliché exceptions. But where the story lacks credibility, it makes up for it with solid gameplay.

When Ubisoft released "Far Cry 2" in 2008, the Montreal-based game studio may have bitten off more than it could chew. Gun jams, vehicle breakdowns, cumbersome travel, random

ambushes and fatal bouts of malaria made the game a tenuous balance between frustration and pure rage. Instead of drawing players in, these features often served to deter players altogether. Thankfully, many of those shortcomings are addressed or scrapped in "Far Cry 3." With the help of a fast-track system, traveling and game-saving have substantially improved. Dying no longer means being reverted to a safe house seven miles away from a mission. Although bandaging wounds is still necessary, Brody does not suffer from malaria-induced heart palpitations in the heat of combat.

Ditching the African savannah of "Far Cry 2," Rook Island's sandbox environment

allows for hundreds of diverse combat situations. Running over unsuspecting enemies, hang-gliding into firefights and strategically planting C4 charges around outposts never seems to get old. Players will have to try hard not to feel like a badass. A new skill progression meter in "Far Cry 3" is a welcome contribution to the series, since it integrates a common aspect of role-playing games into the often one-dimensional genre of shooters. By completing various tasks around the island and gaining experience points, Brody can acquire tattoos, or "tataus," that denote different abilities. Whether it's swimming faster or

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BOOK REVIEW | 'STRUCK BY LIGHTNING'

Harsh voice, errors overpower humor

By **Bobby Blanchard**

Chris Colfer certainly brings laughter in "Struck By Lightning: The Carson Phillips Journal," but beyond a snarky and sarcastic attitude Colfer fails to add anything else to his novel.

"Struck By Lightning," Colfer's first novel and second published work, is a written companion to his soon-to-be-released movie. Colfer addresses the issue of being a social outcast like he does in his role as Kurt Hummel on "Glee." Kurt is one of the lead singers in glee club, whose members are often at the bottom of the social ladder. "Struck By Lightning" deals with the next worst thing after singing for glee club — writing for the high school paper. But because of poor execution and

embarrassing editing errors, Colfer struggles to make this a well-rounded, well-written novel.

The story is relatively simple: Carson Phillips, a high school senior, is dying to escape his hometown and make it into Northwestern University, his dream school. Phillips has worked as the editor of his paper for three years, single-handedly spearheading the enterprise with a staff of future high school dropouts. But when his high school counselor tells him he needs to start a literary magazine to better his chances of getting into Northwestern University, Phillips gets desperate for submissions and blackmails the popular kids to get them to contribute to his magazine.

The plot premise is

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Chris Colfer, who plays Kurt Hummel in "Glee," plays the main character in his film, "Struck By Lightning."